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SUBJECT: ARMS FOR PAKISTAN: WHITE PHOSPHORUS AMMUNITION

1. EARLIER THIS YEAR THE DEPARTMENT HAD PLACED A WORLDWIDE HOLD ON SHIPMENTS OF AMMUNITION CONTAINING WHITE PHOSPHORUS, IN VIEW OF POPULAR CONCERN ABOUT ITS POSSIBLE USE NOT AS SPOTTER AMMUNITION BUT AS AN EXTREMELY PAINFUL AND INHUMANE ANTI-PERSONNEL WEAPON. IN THE LARGE AMMUNITION PURCHASE APPROVED LAST FALL WERE INCLUDED 105MM WHITE PHOSPHORUS TRACER SHELLS. THESE WERE TO HAVE BEEN SHIPPED MAY 2-3, WERE CAUGHT IN THE WORLDWIDE HOLD, AND WERE NOT SHIPPED AT THAT TIME.

2. IF PAKISTANI OFFICIALS RAISE THIS SUBJECT, YOU SHOULD REPLY ALONG LINES OUTLINED IN PARA 1, STRESSING THAT THIS DECISION WAS NOT RELATED TO BILATERAL CONSIDERATIONS. WE HAVE PASSED THIS INFORMATION TO THE PAKISTAN EMBASSY HERE
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IN RESPONSE TO ITS INQUIRIES. CHRISTOPHER

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